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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office communication mailed on February 25, 2003.

REMARKS

Claims 53-59, 65 and 67-77 are pending in the present Application. Applicant notes that the Examiner has indicated that Claims 56-58 and 67 are considered withdrawn until a generic claim is allowed, in view of a previous election of species I, represented by the embodiment of Figures 1A-1C.

In an Amendment Accompanying Request for Continued Examination mailed on November 27, 2002 Applicant added Claim 77. In the Office communication mailed on February 25, 2003, the Examiner stated that the Amendment was deficient under 37 C.F.R. 1.111(b) for failing "to list newly submitted claims readable on the elected species." In a telephone conversation on March 13, 2003, the Examiner stated that Applicant must indicate to which species Claim 77 is directed.